

Hon. Geo. B. Ellis, secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, has our thanks for a copy of the 37th annual report of the board, which contains much valuable information for the farmer and stockman.

Hon. John Hay, secretary of state, died July 1. He had been in poor health some time and had but recently returned from a trip to Europe which he made in the hope of benefitting his health. He had been in public life many years and many high tributes of respect have been paid him by press and people.

We have no objection to secret orders in their places, but we can't help thinking how long-faced and out-of-sorts some professed Christians will look and feel when they get up to the pearly gates and there find that the heavenly authorities will not honor lodge room passwords at that threshold; will not recognize the secret society in lieu of the church; nor accept fraternalism alone for Christianity.—Doniphan Prospect-News.

## SORE HEADS.

St. Louis Paper Scores Governor Folk For Doing His Duty.

The "Censor," a wild cat publication sends us a marked copy of its most recent issue in which it devotes almost a whole page of its sheet to an uncalculated attack on Governor Folk for attempting to run a lot of thieves, thugs and gamblers out of St. Louis county. Of course the "Censor" expected us to copy the foolish article and assist a lot of thugs at Delmar race track to violate the law and do as they please regardless of law, order or anything else.

Joseph Folk is governor of the great state of Missouri and as such took a solemn oath to enforce the law of the state and to uphold it. He is doing exactly what he swore he would do and as a result a gang of robbers and cut throats of St. Louis county have almost reached a stage where they have either got to get "down" to common labor or go on the bum, good and proper. Governor Folk has the backing of every good, law abiding citizen in the state of Missouri and the attacks made upon him by such sheets as the "Censor" and their cohorts, Seller, Addler and Tilles, a gang of worthless gamblers, whom the world would be ten thousand times better off without, will have absolutely no effect.

Go after the St. Louis county gang, Governor Folk. They are a menace to society and a disgrace to the state.—Poplar Bluff Citizen.

## California Letter.

The private company I mentioned in a former letter that had organized with one and a half million dollars capital to construct an irrigating plant near here, is not likely to materialize. At present there is more hope of the government taking hold of the matter than any private company. In a bulletin issued by the Sacramento Valley Developing Association, they say in part: "The most important event of the present year in the Sacramento valley will be the visit of the senate and house committees of the national congress. The gentlemen comprising these committees will make a tour of the irrigable portions of the United States, and will come here for the purpose of investigating what is known as the great Sacramento Valley Irrigation project. The party will arrive in June, and the Sacramento Valley Developing Association is already making plans to show them the Sacramento valley and the striking features of the irrigating scheme.

This is one of the most stupendous irrigation enterprises ever conceived by man. It contemplates the ultimate control of all the waters of the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys thru the construction of a great system of canals completely encircling the great interior basin of the state, mingling the waters of the many streams flowing into the valley and eradicating all inequalities of water supply, as the great system now under construction in the Po in Northern Italy is calculated distribute equally to waters of numerous streams there.

The beginning of this great scheme is at Iron canyon on the Sacramento river, above Red Bluff, county seat of Tehama county, where it is proposed to construct a great dam from which the water will be diverted, first to the right bank, but ultimately to both banks. \*\*\* Under the plans proposed the west side of the Sacramento valley is to be covered first by a great canal extending along the foothills of the Coast range, from Iron canyon to Susan bay. \*\*\* It is to be hoped by Californians that this stupendous irrigating scheme may be carried out in the

near future, for water is surely king in California in summer, if we do have a seeming surplus in winter. After all, I think irrigating quite a nuisance and I am of the opinion that the Lord can attend to irrigating better than man, however there are some kinds of choice fruits that can only be grown and handled to perfection in a semi-arid region.

It is wonderful how prolific fruit trees are here in the Sacramento valley and how small and young they bear. As a rule fruit trees don't grow near so fast, as most places I have seen, but seem to go to fruit. A few days ago I was in an orchard near Corning and noticed a pear tree about 3 feet high that had fruit on it; a peach tree 21 feet high that had 20 peaches on it. I saw peach trees here last summer that were called 7 years old and one could stand on the ground and pick all the fruit off the trees. But this is not a paradise yet for peaches. The country is so level and there is so much rain during winter that thousands of trees die from "wet feet." There is also an immense amount of curl leaf that does much damage. While this is a fairly good place for pears, the blight is doing great damage, on the Bartlett, the main variety grown in California.

Strawberries commenced coming to this market about April 15, from Florida, Sacramento county. Florida is said to be a "wonderful" strawberry section—"one of the most wonderful in the world." But if the berries that are coming to this market now are a fair specimen of Florida's strawberries, Bollinger county can beat her bad. The Sacramento county berries are shipped in small, single tier crates, 15 boxes to the crate; the boxes are small at the bottom and large at the top, but hold little more than a pint; a crate is called 15 pounds. They retail at 10 to 12 cents per box; a few of the earliest sold at 20 to 25 cents per box. The Chinese grow large quantities of strawberries at Tehama, on the river, haul them here and peddle them. Some strawberries are grown around Corning, but they come on later. It would seem from reports that the yield of strawberries at Florida is much larger than in Missouri. It is claimed that 7 tons per acre is not an unusual yield. But they bear here three or four months or more. After seeing strawberries, nearly every day for weeks in the local market, both shipped in and home grown, and have seen nothing that anywhere near comes up to Bollinger county Bubachs and Gandys. I bought as fine a box of berries the other day as I could find in the market and there were 72 berries in the box.

The "Logan" berry I mentioned in a previous letter is one of Luther Burbank's productions and is supposed to be a cross between the blackberry and red raspberry. In shape it is something like a blackberry, but both in fruit and vine, it much more resembles a red raspberry; it is very sour and would make excellent pies. It ripens very early here—about a dewberries—and is a valuable fruit in California. I would suggest that Bollinger county fruit growers get some of the Logan berries and try them; they ripen so early in the season, should bear as they do here they would, quite likely, ripen up before the dry weather begins and be valuable.

The first rural free delivery route in "Maywood" colony and, I think, the first in Tehama county, has just been established; service began April 15. This route is 25 miles and serves about 145 families. There were "only" 13 candidates for carrier, but 9, however, took the examination. The young man that carries this mail leaves Corning about 8 a. m., and gets back about 2 p. m., and clerks in a store several hours, a position he occupied before he took the mail contract.

I have just been putting a new cover on our California cooler or refrigerator. It may be of interest to some of your readers to know what kind of thing a California cooler is. The one I have just received is about 3 feet high and 23 X 27 inches. A light frame—a door fitted to one side—and covered with galvanized iron screen or wire cloth; over this is tacked ordinary burlap. The top is covered first with sheet iron or zinc, and should be highest in the middle and slope gently to each end; over this is fastened dark; on the top of the cooler is placed a large can with the bottom perforated full of fine holes, and water is kept in the cooler and keeps the burlap wet and

## Closing Out Sale!

\$1,600 Worth of Hardware at Cost

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Fred Clippard, having accepted a position with the Cape County Milling Company at Jackson, Mo., will close out his entire stock of Hardware, Saddlery and Farm Machinery

AT ACTUAL COST.

It must go out during July, so come soon before the stock is run down. All sales must be cash. No time given on anything.

Remember the Place,  
Fred Clippard's,  
LAFLIN, MISSOURI.

the air passing thru, keeps things cool inside, provided the cooler is kept in a good shade.

Here in this climate where we get a cool mountain breeze at night a pitcher of water, even in midsummer gets as cold as you would want water to drink. I don't know how one of these refrigerators would do in Missouri, but here, most people prefer them to the factory kind and the cost is but little. The air circulates thru and everything is pure and healthy.

I have lately noticed a sketch of the life of Miss Sarah Brown in the papers. Miss Brown is the 17th child of John Brown, (old John Brown) killed at Harper's Ferry. Miss Brown lives in Santa Clara county, this state and is said to be in very moderate circumstances; has a rented fruit ranch and does most of the work in cultivating and marketing her fruit. She says: "I was born in 1847, the year after the Mexican war and I was the 17th of my father's 21 children. He was married three times. My early recollections of my father are not very distinct; he was very stern, religious man, but kind, in his way, to us younger children. There were always some runaway negroes in our family, escaping from plantations in the south to the free states and my father was very busy with them. After he died at Harper's Ferry some of the children married, but mother and the youngest of us lived on at Osawatomie, Kan., until 1874, I think it was, when we came across the plains to California." Mrs. J. Brown died some years ago. Miss Brown is said to be very stout for her age and to bear a strong resemblance to her father.

The grasshoppers are doing much damage here in Tehama county—eating the leaves off of fruit trees, some places the fruit as well—ent-

ing alfalfa etc., but the papers here hardly mention the fact.

M. A. WALLACE.  
Corning, Cal., June 27, 1905.

## Southeast News.

According to the Current Local they have no saloons in Carter county and they have never voted for local option either.

In a special election held at Jackson on June 27, to bond the town in sum of \$27,000 to put in operation a system of waterworks and electric lights, carried nearly unanimously, only five votes were cast against it.

Potosi Independent.  
We learn that during the month of May the Southeast Missouri Baryta Co., shipped from Tiff, this county, 2,104,000 pounds of baryta, and expect to ship 3,000,000 pounds in June. This company is hauling the ore from the mines to the railroad by using a steam traction engine, hauling as much as 40,000 pounds of ore each trip.

Dunklin Democrat.  
Foust & Hubbard, of Anniston, are in the Ironton jail serving out a sentence of the U. S. court for selling a concoction which looked like, tasted like and made drunk come like beer. The house that sold them the stuff guaranteed that it was a legal drink; but they got in jail just the same. Maybe it was "Cremo?"

## Our Correspondents.

Buchanan.  
News seems to have been rather slow about getting into the paper from our burg lately and I concluded to try my hand.

Health is not very good here at this time; several of our people are afflicted with dysentery. Willy Williams had the misfortune to lose three of his fingers a

few days ago by allowing them to get too close to a saw he was feeding.

Mrs. Tallent, who has been puny some time, is able to be up again. J. J. Like is quite puny at present.

Rev. Hooker and wife were the guests of Mr. Leming Sunday.

Quite a number of our people expect to celebrate the Fourth at Zalma.

LITTLE JAKE.

## Union Ridge.

Plenty of rain.  
Corn is looking fine.  
James Turner and family visited relatives and spent the Fourth at Marquand.

Mr. and Mrs. John Berry are the proud parents of a fine boy babe, born July 1.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Barks and family visited G. W. Davault Sunday.

Rev. B. L. Bowman failed to fill his appointment at Cross Roads Sunday, Mrs. Bowman being quite ill.

We expect to organize a Sunday school at Cross Roads after the Fourth. There will be church here every third Sunday at 3:00 o'clock and every fourth Sunday at 11:00 o'clock.  
Now AND THEN.

## Lodge.

Health is good.  
Quite a number of our people celebrated the Fourth at Marquand. We are having too much rain for oats and hay harvest.

John Brower, Leo Hahn and Charley Pound will teach in Madison county this year.

George Ellinghouse, our real estate agent, sold the J. W. Davault farm to a party in St. Louis.

Blaine Minter, who went to Colorado last November, has enlisted in Uncle Sam's navy and is stationed at Norfolk, Va., and will remain there four months before going on the training ship Franklin.

H. B. Hawn is making preparations to build himself a dwelling this fall.

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OBSERVER.

## Castor.

I suppose the rainy season has set in.

Gay Bollinger visited Forest Bollinger Saturday night and Sunday. Misses Minnie, Maude and Lulu Hovis are having a round with Chas. Mrs. D. E. Bollinger has been sick the past week.

N. A. Bollinger and family were the guests of Arthur Cheek Sunday. C. L. and W. D. Bollinger and their families visited on Shetley's creek Saturday night and Sunday. The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Shetley died Sunday morning and the remains were interred in Castor cemetery Monday. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of everyone.

Oscar Whitener has gone to Mine La Motte to work in the mines.

John Rhodes contemplates going to Arkansas soon.

Quite a number of our people attended the Fourth of July celebration at Marquand.

Claud Whitener and family visited at A. T. Whitener's Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. A. T. Whitener is seriously ill at this writing.

Miss Nora Shetley has been very sick the past week.

Zach Rhodes has his new barn completed.

MAMMA'S BOY.

## Grassy.

Not seeing any news from this section of the great commonwealth, I will endeavor to give you a few notes.

A few days of fair weather would be appreciated by our farmers. The oats crop was fair and the corn crop is promising in this section.

We were glad to note that our "burg" was well represented at the Zalma picnic. All report a good time.

A move is on foot to build a new churchhouse at the forks of the Greenville roads.

E. M. Myers is having a two-story dwelling erected on his farm which adds much to the value and beauty of his place.

H. W. Myers and family attended the funeral services of Mrs. Henry Winters at the Deck cemetery last Monday evening.

Albert Myers and Charles Cooper, being members of the National Guards of Missouri, will join their company at Lutesville Saturday, which leaves that day for St. Joseph the general encampment being at that place this year.

STEPHEN BRICE.

## Clubb's Creek.

There has been some sickness here recently.

## An Awful Sense of Weight

In the region of the short ribs, headache, a feeling of impending danger, with creeping, crawling chills, should warn you that it is time to take Dr. Armistead's Ague Tonic. Don't put it off until your system is full of malaria germs, but take it to prevent the disease getting a foothold. That's the time to commence vigorous action—before it gets settled!

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—JAMES H. SIMMONS

SIMMONS HARDWARE COMPANY, ST. LOUIS, U.S.A., 298 Broadway, New York.

Monday morning; they say they had money to loan.

The bridge gang has been here the past week repairing bridges and culverts on the railroad.

Adolph James, who has been working at Greenville, is at home again.

John King has moved into his new house, although it isn't quite completed yet.

Misses Della and Sophia Rowland of Greenville are spending the Fourth with relatives here.

Mr. Jones, cashier of Piedmont bank, was here Monday in the interest of our new bank.

Umph James moved into the house recently occupied by Mrs. Morgan.

Mrs. J. M. Talley had the misfortune to get bitten by a copperhead snake recently; at last reports she is improving.

Mrs. Joe Fish died last Thursday after an illness of short duration.

Pearl hunters are finding valuable pearls in Castor river which are bringing fancy prices in the markets.

J. V. Shinkard made a business trip to Marble Hill Friday returning Sunday to assume his duty as cashier of the bank.

Judge L. B. James is suffering from a painful wound on the hand caused by a nail cut made in opening a box.

C. COOK.

## Loyal.

Here are a few items from our community regarding recent happenings which I hope will be interesting to your readers.

We had a fine rain last Thursday. J. L. Wallis, one of our best farmers, is having a well drilled on his farm. They struck water at 170 feet, but are still drilling and expect to strike a better vein a little deeper.

Charley Wallis and Thomas Print ham visited relatives at Harrison last Saturday.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Sten, a boy and a fine 10-pound girl. Mother, father and babe are doing well.

Henry Davis and wife are proud of their first born babe; a hearty, fat boy and the very apple of the eye.

The work paid the home of Mr.

and Mrs. R. A. Finley a visit June 27, and left them a fine, boy babe.

Noah Yount was thrown by a young mule June 18, and his right leg broken twice below the knee.

Mrs. A. W. Henderson was on the sick list last week.

J. M. Henderson is building a nice picket fence around his residence.

S. J. Long, our heavy weight farmer and attorney, is hauling some big loads of ties to Marquand and brings back a big load of lumber each trip.

A READER.

## Mayfield.

Here I come once more. Health is reasonably good.

Bessie, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Mayfield, is quite sick at this writing.

Farmers are about done plowing corn and hay harvest and wheat hanting seems to be the program in this vicinity.

J. H. McKinsey has just returned from Illinois where he had been to dispose of a fine load of cattle taken from here.

J. M. Limbaugh and John M. Cook are having their new houses painted.

Miss Elizabeth Thiele of Sedgewickville, who will teach our school the ensuing year, was in this vicinity a few days ago looking around for a boarding place.

The stove factory has been running regularly for some time.

James Sharrock, timber boss for Patton factory, was in this vicinity a few days ago reestimating a little timber purchased here.

Rev. W. A. Davault filled his regular appointment at this place and delivered some interesting sermons to large congregations. Eleven candidates were baptized on Sunday. As the people went from the church to the water the wagons and buggies were counted and there were 155. There were, approximately, 1,050 people here. Rev. Jamison of Bloomfield preached to the people that night.

The ministerial or fifth Sunday meeting of the St. Francois Association will be held here the fifth Sunday in this month.

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MAYFIELD, ILL.